

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 871

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Tennessee's Vietnam Veterans on "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day."

WHEREAS, since the birth of our great nation, hundreds of thousands of brave American men and women have served their country in the United States Armed Forces, and many continue this legacy of service today, defending the most inviolate principles of human freedom and democracy; and

WHEREAS, 3,000,000 brave American soldiers did not shrink from serving in combat during the Vietnam War, believing in the justice of their cause to protect our national security and to stop the global spread of Communism; and

WHEREAS, thirty-five years ago, on March 29, 1973, the last 2,500 troops were withdrawn from South Vietnam, thus ending U.S. military involvement in what is still the longest war in our nation's history; and

WHEREAS, due to the unpopularity of this eleven-year war, the men and women who served therein and survived, and the 58,195 brave souls who fought and died, have never been accorded the respect and gratitude they deserve for serving their country with purpose and conviction; and

WHEREAS, it is now time for all citizens, in the spirit of pride and gratitude, to recall the heroic service of the 1,293 soldiers listed on the Vietnam Memorial Wall from the State of Tennessee and thank them for their unselfish devotion to duty; and

WHEREAS, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Chapter 9851 of the Great City of Hendersonville will be hosting "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day" on March 28, 2010 to humbly pay tribute to those forgotten warriors; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly most heartily supports the goals and ideals of Vietnam Veterans Day and wishes to honor the service and sacrifice of Tennessee's unsung heroes whose courageous actions ultimately shaped the history of our great country; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we join with VFW Chapter 9851 in remembering those men and women who sacrificed their lives defending the Nation in the Vietnam conflict, recognizing the prisoners of war and those members of the Armed Forces who are missing in action, and honoring all Vietnam Veterans on "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.